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New Jersey's Republican plurality is
23,918, against 8,455 in 1898, an example
of the expansive influence of expansion.

The bill of justice is grinding away
at Lansing. The last victim brought
before the grand jury is Hon. Fred A.
Maynard, Ex-Attorney General.

Republican candidates for governor
are developing fast. Among them are
Jas. O'Donnell, Jackson, Col. A. T. Bliss,
Saginaw, and D. M. Ferry, Detroit.
With such timber to choose from the
party can make no mistake.

Gov. Pingree has called a special
session of the legislature to convene at
Lansing next Monday. The governor
gives as his reason for the call that
more taxation legislation is needed.
All of this may be true, but we think
municipal ownership is the bee buzzing
in the old man's bonnet and all the
taxation legislation the people will get
will be to pay for the shot.

State papers claim there is a combina-
tion in Michigan politics, known as the
Pingree-Biss-Alger-Stearns, for the
purpose of doing Perry and McMillen.
There is evidently no truth in this state-
ment, as most of these men have too
much good sense to enter such a com-
pact. If they have, it is a very unwise
move. Pingree has done enough to
create trouble in the party without a
move of this kind.

In the course of a week or so, certainly
before the holidays, the lower branch
of congress will have passed the currency
bill. This action will discredit the
scuffers who have cried that the Republi-
can party was afraid to meet the cur-
rency question. There is to be no
"straddle" or "double shuffle," as the
bill is outspoken for the gold standard;
this meeting the explicit approval of
the most substantial boards of commerce
and finance of the country. This is the
way to win. Sound money principles,
fearlessly proclaimed, won the last elec-
tion. The next national convention of
the Republican party will put the sound-
ness of sound money principles in its
platform, and the party will win again.
This nation is too old for the "now you
see it and now you don't see it" game.
The farmers have spotted the oily orator
with the glib tongue who pretends that
his cheap silver brick is gold, and have
advised him that he will have better
luck as a book agent or as a hero of melo-
drama.

The cause of free silver must be
in process, indeed, and the fallacy of
Bryantism very apparent when such a
savage supporter of the white metal
as Senator Stewart of Nevada aban-
doned the fight and returns to the Re-
publican fold. Few can remember the
time when Senator Stewart, now 72
years of age, was not foremost in the
struggle for free silver coinage, and
always at the ratio of 16-1. Since 1864,
with some intervals spent in private
life, he has served in the senate, and
at every occasion, opportune and unop-
portune, he has raised his voice in be-
half of the white metal. But the change
has come. It is hard to overcome early
training and habits of thought, and
Senator Stewart has decided that for
the remainder of his present term of
service, which does not expire until
1905, that he will once more sit in his
place as a member of the grand old
party whose fortunes and his were
linked together in earlier years. It is
probable that Senator Stewart never
felt at home in the new party which he
had adopted, a party born of dissen-
sion, without the traditions or time-
worn record of the old democracy or
the Republican party. Senator Stewart
has returned, and will now occupy his
rightful place with the old party, where
he is welcome to take part in directing
the destinies of the nation in these
changing times, as he did in the period
of reconstruction. If aught was want-
ing to demonstrate the utter helplessness
of Bryantism it has been supplied
in Senator Stewart's abandonment of
that party. Progress and true Ameri-
canism have proved arguments too
strong for him to resist.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Circuit court was adjourned on Thurs-
day morning.

F. E. Hubbard of Shepherd was in
Alma Tuesday.

Fred Strong of Riverdale was in
Alma Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Sharrar of Ithaca
were in Alma Thursday.

Mrs. M. Seillon of Wyman was in
Alma Thursday the guest of friends.

E. V. Chilson of Lansing and Grant
Bennett of Detroit were in Alma
Thursday.

F. W. Blair of St. Louis has rented the
Argus at this place and will take pos-
session Jan. 1.

Miss Florence Strong of Riverdale
was in Alma Thursday, the guest of the
Misses Fleming.

The Michigan State Teachers' Associ-
ation will meet in Lansing on Decem-
ber 26-28 inclusive.

The high school alumni are making
arrangements for a lecture by R. C. Ely
later on in the season.

Wm. Wilson of Sumner is clerking in
the grocery department at L. H. Hay's
until after the holidays.

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one year in advance and get the Farm
Journal for five years free.

Hear Prof. Hudson of the U. of M. at
the opera house tonight lecture on
"The Boers and the British."

Jerry Davis has purchased of Bert
Woodward the Henry Fuller property on
State-st. for his son, Harvey Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Vliet left on
Wednesday for Bay City where they
will visit their daughter for a short time.

The sugar factory was closed down on
Tuesday owing to some slight changes
that were being made in the machinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Leet Adams, who have
been visiting relatives and friends in
Jackson county, returned home Monday
night.

Harry Waldby of Adrian, formerly in
the banking business at this place, was
in Alma Wednesday the guest of A. W.
Wright.

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every neighborhood in the county. We
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the Record.

Victor Laing of St. Marys, Ont., is
employed in the office of A. W. Wright
in the place of Jesse Buskirk, who re-
cently resigned his position.

Miss Perry is one of the three great-
est and only singers that ever sang high
G above high C. Hear her Dec. 21 at
opera house with McKanlass Co.

On Monday of this week Jos. Done-
vant resigned his position as nightwatch
and deputy marshal and Amos Bodine
has been appointed in his place.

Andrew Shaw received by express the
first of the week a thoroughbred Eng-
lish setter dog which came from his
brother's kennels in New Jersey.

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tions to the Farm Journal which we
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paying up and one year in advance.

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given to an outside friend than a year's
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weekly visitor and gives all the news.

W. H. Parr has fitted up the barn in
rear of the New Arcade and opened up
the same with a first class livery stock.
A feed barn will be run in connection.

J. H. Lancashire & Co have fitted up
the vacant room in the opera house
block, known as the G. A. R. hall, and
the same is now used by the Presby-
terian Sunday school.

A. S. Coutant, editor of the Isabella
County Enterprise and postmaster at
Mt. Pleasant, was a caller at this office
Wednesday night while on his way
home from Grand Rapids.

D. Boyd, a former resident of this
place, but who for the past two years
has been residing near Toledo, was in
Alma the first of the week with a view
of purchasing a farm near by.

The ladies that are going to organize
the Bay View Literary Circle will meet
at the home of Mrs. Ferd Montigel,
Tuesday evening, December 19, to per-
fect organization and elect officers.

Talk about hauling stone! We are
informed that Frank Davis, a son of
Jerry Davis, drew to Ithaca, a distance
of two miles, a load of stone weighing
18,500 pounds, on Friday of last week.

We notice by the state papers that
Congressman Mesick has introduced
bills in the house for relief of Floyd S.
Marvin and Asa D. Babcock, both civil
war veterans and residents of this place.

O. P. Stone, who is well known to our
readers, has opened a "racket" store in
Ithaca. Here's success to "O. P." but his
is not the first "racket" store in the
county, as some Ithaca papers would
have it.

D. R. Moore has resigned his position
in the grocery department at Vermen-
len's Department Store and expects to
leave on Monday for Chicago where he
has a position with the American Pub-
lishing Co.

We notice by the state papers that
Wilbur Nelson of this place, who is at-
tending Kalamazoo college, has been
selected as one of three to meet in a de-
bating contest with the Michigan State
Normal School.

The Designer for January is out and
is one of the best numbers of the season.
The colored fashion plates show some
very neat designs and patterns for winter
wear. The fancy work designs are
especially beautiful.

The preliminary hearing of H. L.
Raymer was held in Bay City on Thurs-
day of last week. Raymer was bound
over and put under \$500 bonds, in de-
fault of which he remains in the custody
of your Uncle Samuel.

Walter Mallory left on Monday for St.
Johns on business connected with the
Clinton and Gratiot Mutual Insurance
Co., and from there went to Lansing to
attend a meeting of the State Grange as
a delegate from this county.

Chas. Brooks, who has been employed
in the Alma Sugar factory, was com-
pelled to resign his position the first of
the week and return to his home in Elm
Hall, owing to the excessive heat in the
factory injuring his health.

Andrew Shaw and Pete Hill start on
Monday next for Copemish and Pomona
to prospect for gravel for the A. A. R. R.
company. The A. A. intends gravelling
the northern division of the road from
Alma to Frankfort next summer.

The "Giant Quartette," with Capt.
McKanlass, drew a big house Monday
evening. They at once captured the
audience with their genuine negro me-
lodies and innocent fun. McKanlass is
certainly master of the violin—Living-
ston Republican, Nov. 15, 1899.



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Linens and Napkins, Fancy Towels, Lace and Damask
Curtains, Fancy Collars and Ties, Fine Handkerchiefs
and Neckscarfs, Purses, Belts, etc., Silk Umbrellas, Fine
Shoes, Slippers and Overshoes, Wool Legging and
Overgaiters, Fine Blankets and Sheets, White Damask
Bed Spreads, Beautiful Rugs and Carpets. Fine Lunch
Cloths and Napkins.

For Men.

Fine Shoes, Slippers and Overshoes, Mufflets for chest
and neck, something new, Neck Scarfs, silk and wool,
Handkerchiefs, Silk Umbrellas.

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Jackets, Long Cloaks and Knit Jackets, Fine Dress
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CHURCHES.

At St. John's Church: Third Sunday
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Morning prayer, Hymn and sermon
10:30. Sunday school 11:50. Evening
services 7:30 p. m.

Presbyterian church worship in the
opera house. In the morning Dr.
Bruske will preach. In the evening the
pastor will give the second illustrated
sermon on the Boyhood of Jesus. All
are welcome.

At Baptist church: Rev. J. Clizbe
will preach at the morning service. Sun-
day school at 11:45 a. m. Young peo-
ple's meeting at 6:30 p. m. No evening
service.

SOCIETIES.

The Woman's Club will meet at the
home of Mrs. Win Wilson on Monday
next.